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August 20, 1990

Central Steel & Wire Company
P.O. Box 5100
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Attn: Mr. Ray Fiala

Re: Suggested course of action regarding the current situation at
the Central Steel & Wire facility located in Detroit,
Michigan.

Dear Mr. Fiala:

In our efforts to bring the situation at the Detroit facility to as swift a conclusion as possible I am recommending the following steps be taken. It is doubtful that a quick resolution to the cyanide situation will be forthcoming but regardless I feel that any measures that you as the affected party can take will do Central Steel & Wire no harm.

Item 1:

Allow Toxico to proceed with the filling of the excavation with a clean fill material. We will allow this only if a double layer of 6 ml plastic is laid down upon the layer of contaminated soil. This will serve as a line of demarcation between clean and dirty material (allowing the reuse of the fill at a later time). The plastic barrier will also prevent any further intrusion of surface water to the zone of contamination. It would also be a prudent idea to cap the fill material with another layer of plastic. I have spoken with Mr. Mike Stenso, of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) (the caseworker in charge of this site) regarding this issue and he stated his agreement with this step, but defers final judgement to Central Steel & Wire.

It is unlikely that any real remediation will occur on this site for a period of months and any rainfall during this time will only serve to spread this contamination further onto your property.

I will contact Mr. Bob Houton, of Toxico with regard to the issue of additional borings that will be required to totally evaluate the extent of the cyanide contamination. If plans are to bore the site in the next week or so I will urge him to hold off filling the site until that procedure is completed (this process could puncture the plastic membrane allowing surface water flow into the contaminated zone).

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In addition, I would suggest that any request made by Toxico to perform said soil borings be allowed with these stipulations: Central Steel & Wire (CS&W) will be notified a minimum of 72 hours prior to boring and that a plan for these borings be submitted to CS&W at that time for our review. This plan should then also be utilized in a submittal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the eventual cleanup of the affected portion of the CST Detroit site. They will also be asked to provide CS&W with split samples of the soil borings conducted, analysis will be conducted at our discretion. Finally, a copy of the laboratory data and formal report will be made available to CS&W for review.

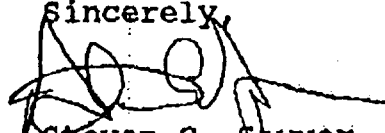
Item 2:

I feel that it is in your best interest for you and other significant members of Central Steel & Wire to meet with representatives of General Die Casting, the current owners of the neighboring site, staff of Toxico, staff of Gabriel, and Mike Stenso, of the DNR, to map out an appropriate remediation plan complete with cleanup objectives acceptable to CS&W (and the DNR).

I would like to sit down with you again to review any submittal provided by Toxico in response to this letter. I would also suggest that you submit a copy of any Toxico correspondence to Mr. Mike Stenso, at the DNR.

Please feel free to contact me to set up this meeting or to answer any questions that you may have regarding this project.

Sincerely,



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cc: John Neville, Toxico Corporation
Dick Shirley, General Die Cast
Mike Stenso, Michigan DNR